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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 34503	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/IL2006/000204	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 16 February 2006 (16.02.2006)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 February 2005 (17.02.2005)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant METACURE N.V.		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*. 1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 470/05090		Date of mailing (day/month/year) 29 SEP 2006
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International application No. PCT/IL06/00204	International filing date (day/month/year) 16 February 2006 (16.02.2006)	Priority date (day/month/year) 17 February 2005 (17.02.2005)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC IPC: A61N 1/00(2006.01) USPC: 607/2		
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

Name and mailing address of the ISA/ US Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Facsimile No. (571) 273-3201	Date of completion of this opinion 22 August 2006 (22.08.2006)	Authorized officer Scott M. Getzow Telephone No. 571-272-4946
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/IL06/00204

Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ on paper
☐ in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in electronic form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-44 YES

Claims NONE NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims NONE YES

Claims 1-44 NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-44 YES

Claims NONE NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-44 meet the criteria for novelty and industrial applicability under PCT Article 33(2),33(4). The prior art does not anticipate the claimed method steps including determining a target non-immediate effect of a therapy.

Claims 1-44 do not meet the criteria for inventive step under PCT Article 33(3). The patent to Wernicke et al teaches stimulating the patient's vagus nerve, or other nerves, to modify blood chemicals such as glucose. To first determine a target non-immediate effect would have been obvious in that the treating physician would want to treat the patient in the most efficacious manner and by so doing the correct amount of stimulation is provided to the patient, without wasting battery power.